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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended as follows:

Paragraphs [0016] and [0017] are amended as follows:

[0016] (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Fig. 7 is a side elevation view of an endless track for the load-carrying apparatus of the present invention;~~and~~

[0017] (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a roller device for the load-carrying apparatus of the present invention; ~~and.~~

The following new paragraph [0017.1] is inserted after paragraph [0017]:

[0017.1] (NEW) Fig. 9 is a perspective view of a load-carrying apparatus in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Paragraph [0029] is amended as follows:

[0029] (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The endless track is typically made of a polymeric material, and may be provided with treads or like surfacing to ensure suitable traction of the apparatus 10. Moreover, it is contemplated to provide the endless track with spikes for icy conditions. Moreover, although the apparatus 10 is illustrated as having a single endless track 30 (Fig. 7), it is contemplated to provide the apparatus 10 with a pair of tracks. In an embodiment with a pair of tracks as illustrated in the apparatus 10' of Fig. 8, the drive to the endless tracks has two degrees of actuation and independent drive mechanisms, whereby the tracks may be actuated in opposite directions with respect to one another, to allow the apparatus 10' to rotate. Alternatively, the apparatus 10 may be provided with a peripheral rotating table, so as to rotate the apparatus 10.'